

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND
DON KNABE

December 2, 2008

According to the Department of Public Works, approximately 6 billion plastic carryout bags are consumed in Los Angeles County each year. This is equivalent to about 600 plastic bags per person per year. Single use carryout bags, such as plastic bags, have significantly contributed to the impact of litter on the environment. We need to encourage residents to switch to reusable bags because of their environmental benefits. Using reusable bags decreases litter, conserves natural resources, reduces the amount of waste disposed of in landfills. Reusable bags also help protect the marine environment from plastic bag litter.

Heal the Bay will be sponsoring "A Day Without a Bag" on the third Thursday of December, each year, to promote behavioral change. This is a great opportunity for the County to help raise environmental awareness in our day-to-day activities as well as prevent litter from disposable bags.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

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1. Adopt the enclosed Resolution and proclaim the third Thursday of December, each year, as "A Day Without a Bag" throughout the County of Los Angeles; and
2. Urge shoppers to forego single use carryout bags in favor of reusable bags.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**RECOGNIZING THE THIRD THURSDAY OF DECEMBER, EACH YEAR,
AS "A DAY WITHOUT A BAG" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 6 billion plastic carryout bags are used in Los Angeles County; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States, less than 5 percent of plastic bags are recycled; and,

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate littering of single use bags creates significant litter problems for Los Angeles County streets, beaches, and the marine environment; and,

WHEREAS, each year, according to the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the State of California spends approximately \$25 million to landfill discarded plastic bags; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has set solid waste reduction and recycling goals, and is taking action to reduce the litter impacts of single use carryout bags; and,

WHEREAS, reusable bags contribute towards environmental sustainability over single use carryout bags as well as significantly reduce single use bag litter; and,

WHEREAS, Heal the Bay and its community partners have established the third Thursday of December, each year, as "A Day Without a Bag" which urge shoppers to forego single use bags in favor of reusable bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaims the third Thursday of December, each year, as "A Day Without a Bag" in Los Angeles County.

The forgoing resolution was adopted on the 2nd day of December, 2008, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors of the County of
Los Angeles

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Donna Polana
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